

Abstract

Proposed is a system for recording and playback of television signals from a plurality of television channels, which comprises a computer-based controlling central unit, connectible to a telecommunication network, and a plurality of television receivers, connected to the controlling central unit, for receiving the television signals in each case on one of the television channels via cable television networks and/or television antennas for terrestrial television broadcasting or satellite television transmission. The system further comprises coding modules, connected to the television receivers, for coding the received television signals in a digital format. The controlling central unit is set up to receive recording instructions from users via the telecommunication network and to store the television signals, coded in digital format, which have been received on the television channel specified by the stored recording instructions, at a time specified by the stored recording instructions. The system further comprises a playback module for transmitting the television signals, stored in digital format, via the telecommunication network, in each case for playback on a terminal of a respective user. The system enables users to have television signals from a plurality of television channels recorded at the same time without it being necessary for them to have a video recorder at their disposal or to operate a video recorder.